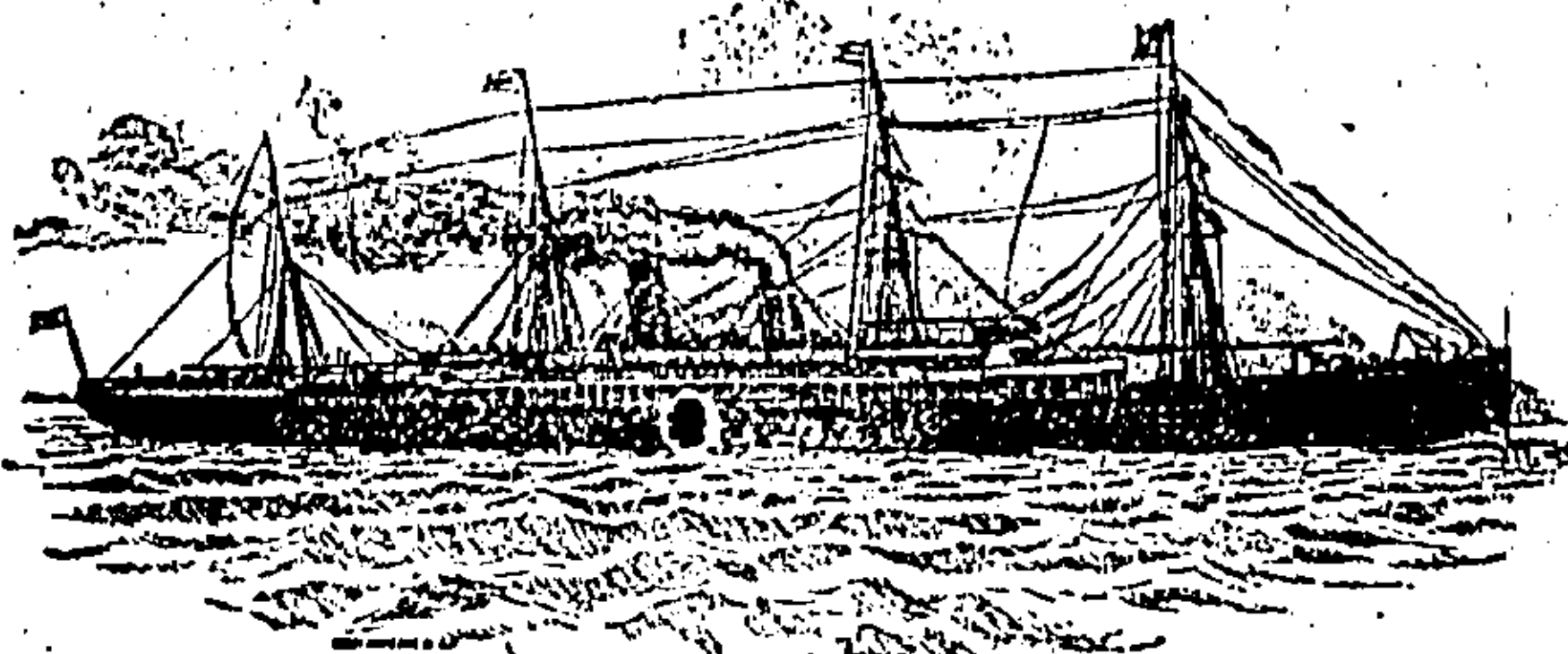


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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

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| "GAELIC"..... | 4,205 Gross Tons..... | SATURDAY, 2nd January, 1904, at Noon. |
| "ALGOA"..... | 7,574 "..... | SATURDAY, 2nd January. |
| "HONGKONG MARU"..... | 6,307 "..... | SATURDAY, 9th January, at Noon. |
| "CHINA"..... | 5,060 "..... | TUESDAY, 19th January, at Noon. |
| "DOBIC"..... | 4,784 "..... | FRIDAY, 29th January, at Noon. |
| "NIPPON MARU"..... | 6,307 "..... | SATURDAY, 6th February, at Noon. |
| "SIBERIA"..... | 11,284 "..... | SATURDAY, 13th February, at Noon. |
| "GOPIO"..... | 4,352 "..... | TUESDAY, 23rd February, at Noon. |
| "AMERICA MARU"..... | 6,307 "..... | WEDNESDAY, 2nd March, at Noon. |
| "KOREA"..... | 11,276 "..... | THURSDAY, 10th March, at Noon. |

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| R.M.S. "EMPRESS OF CHINA"..... | 6,000 Tons..... | WEDNESDAY, 13th January, 1904 |
| "ATHENIAN"..... | 3,882 "..... | WEDNESDAY, 27th January. |
| "EMPRESS OF INDIA"..... | 6,000 "..... | WEDNESDAY, 10th February. |
| "TARTAR"..... | 4,425 "..... | WEDNESDAY, 24th February. |
| "EMPRESS OF JAPAN"..... | 6,000 "..... | WEDNESDAY, 6th March. |
| "EMPRESS OF CHINA"..... | 6,000 "..... | WEDNESDAY, 30th March. |
| "EMPRESS OF INDIA"..... | 6,000 "..... | WEDNESDAY, 20th April. |
| "ATHENIAN"..... | 3,882 "..... | WEDNESDAY, 27th April. |
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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

| STEAMERS. | DESTINATIONS. | DATE. | Freight and Passengers. |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| SAVOIA..... | ROTTERDAM and HAMBURG. | 10th January, 1904. | Freight and Passengers. |
| Deinat..... | (Calling at SINGAPORE) | 15th January, 1904. | Freight and Passengers. |
| AMBRIA..... | HAVRE and HAMBURG. | 28th January, 1904. | Freight and Passengers. |
| Duckstein..... | (Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO) | 6th February, 1904. | Freight and Passengers. |
| WURZBURG..... | HAVRE, BREMEN and HAMBURG. | 15th February, 1904. | Freight and Passengers. |
| v. Binzer..... | (Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG) | 5th January, 1904. | Freight and Passengers. |
| ALESIA..... | HAVRE and HAMBURG. | 12th January, 1904. | Freight and Passengers. |
| Schnefeldt..... | (Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO) | 19th January, 1904. | Freight and Passengers. |
| NUBIA..... | NEW YORK | 5th January, 1904. | Freight and Passengers. |
| von Hoff..... | VIA SUEZ. | 12th January, 1904. | Freight and Passengers. |

For further Particulars, apply to

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,
HONGKONG OFFICE,
No. 1, Queen's Building.

Hongkong, 28th December, 1903.

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CANTON-WUCHOW LINE.

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Hongkong, 15th August, 1903. 19

NOTICE.

THE Date of CLOSING ENTRIES for
the FORTHCOMING RACES has been
POSTPONED from the 9th JANUARY to
SATURDAY, 16th.
By Order,
T. F. HOUGH,
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Hongkong, 29th December, 1903. 1562c

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Hongkong, 9th February, 1903. 30

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Length inside, 514ft. Width of
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Water on blocks, 27.5 ft. Time to
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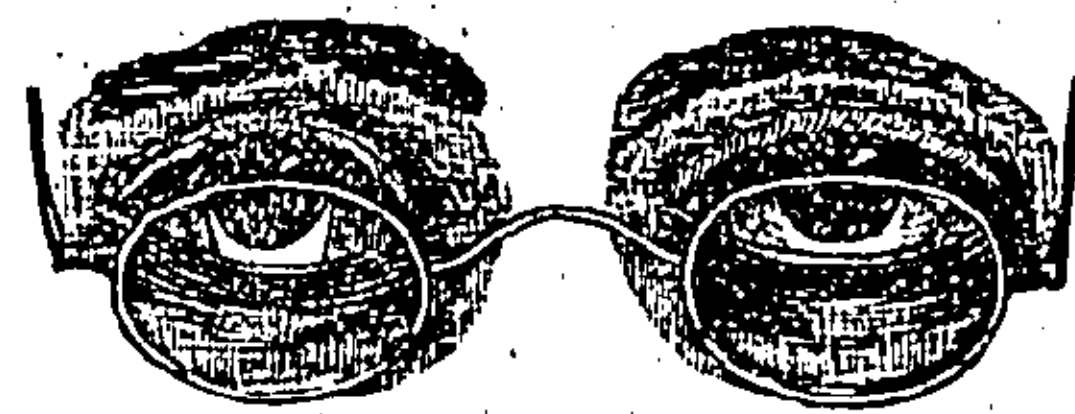
Telephone: Works, No. 500; General, No. 376.

Telegrams, "Dock, Yokohama," Codes A. I. and A. B. C. (4th).

Yokohama, May 11th, 1903.

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No charge for testing the eyes.

Glasses and frames of all kinds and qualities.

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Hongkong, 6th November, 1903.

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Hongkong, 29th July, 1903.

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Hongkong, 2nd April, 1903.

WORKERS OF HOUSES situated in the
Western Division of the City of Victoria
who have not had their Premises LIMEWASHED
and CLEANSED in accordance with Law,
are reminded that the period during which this
work should be FINISHED ends on the 31st
day of December, 1903, and the Sanitary Board
being convinced of the necessity of cleanliness
in its efforts to stamp out Plague, is deter-
mined to rigorously prosecute any owner in
default after the above named date.

By Order of the Board,
G. A. WOODCOCK,
Secretary.

Not.—The Western Division of the City lies
to the West Tank Lane and Cleverly
Street.
Sanitary Board Office,
1st December, 1903. 1459c

THE FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION
OF HONGKONG.

NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

IT is hereby notified that FIRE INSUR-
ANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the
transaction of Public Business TO-MORROW
and SATURDAY, the 1st and 2nd January,
respectively.

By Order,

A. R. LOWE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 31st December, 1903. 1568c

NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with the Provisions of Ord-
inance No. 6 of 1875, the EXCHANGE
BANKS will be CLOSED for the transaction of
Public Business TO-MORROW and SATUR-
DAY, the 1st and 2nd January, 1904, respec-
tively.

Hongkong, 31st December, 1903. 1561c

NOTICE.

AN OLD ALLEVIAN DINNER will
be held on WEDNESDAY, the 13th
JANUARY, 1904, at the HONGKONG HOTEL.
The Undersigned will receive names of any
Old Allelians who have not yet been com-
municated with.

H. ARTHUR,
Care of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Hongkong, 30th December, 1903. 1564c

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Hongkong, 10th January, 1903. 1594c

IS THERE A YELLOW PERIL?

AN EXAMINATION OF THE GERMAN
EMPEROR'S ROY.

From time to time some writer, catching up the Kaiser's idea, weaves an artistic picture of the long robed, and long-haired Oriental surging in a dusky flood of protest against the modern close-cropped, stiff-collared, invaders from the West. The Orient, with its warmth, its colouring, its scenic splendour and display, its antiquity, its legends and its wealth of poetic association, appeals strongly to the imagination, and reason is sometimes entrapped all unawares by the imagery of this glowing East rising in just indignation to avenge its real or fancied wrongs at the hands of an unsympathetic and oppressing Occident, and we are warned that there is at this very time a secret but none the less real and serious combination of forces in process which aims at the final and complete overthrow of Western supremacy, and the revival of Oriental Power. The subject, says a writer in the *Singapore Free Press*, is one on which eloquence may well thrive and rhetoric and metaphor wax strong; but argument needs something more than poetic ideal to feed on, and the theory of a detached and individual Orient has, if we mistake not, no substantial foundation. The qualities which caused the East to slowly and surely fall a victim to Occidental conquest or intrusion, are still there, and are the very qualities which must operate against any effective attempt to undo in the future what it was unable to prevent in the past. Lack of cohesion and absence of ideal are two of the most prominent of these missing qualifications, the one being in large measure dependent on the other. The Occident has for ever a standard of ideal before it for attainment, which is continually adjusting itself to modern requirements and all sorts and conditions of men direct their whole energies to competing for the nearest possible approach to these ideals, whether it be in religion, art, science or commercial supremacy. The Orient, on the other hand, keep their eyes on a fixed and unalterable standard in the far distant past and altogether out of harmony with their present life. The inevitable result of this is that the more enlightened quickly recognise the discrepancy, and casting off from the inadequate past have nothing else to lay hold on, and the element of unity and foundation of strength is at once destroyed. Japan may be said to have reversed the Oriental attitude, and as a nation to have performed a *volte face* using her past merely as a stepping stone for her future. But there is no indication whatever that other Asiatic Powers are following in her footsteps, and if history still repeats itself, the small countries of the East will be left to their fate.

"BARBER" LINE OF STEAMERS

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

S.S. "CHARLES TIBERGHEN,"
FROM NEW YORK.
CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 1st January will be subject to rent.
All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 5th January, or they will not be recognized.
All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, Agents.
Hongkong, 28th December, 1903. [15556]

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL
STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of CARGO per Steamship
"GABRIC."
The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.
Cargo impeding discharge and undelivered by WEDNESDAY, the 30th instant, at 10 A.M., will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.
J. STUART THOMSON,
Acting Agent.
Hongkong, 28th December, 1903. [15556]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.
FROM ANTWERP, MIDDLESBRO',
LONDON AND STRAITS.
THE Steamship

"GLENLOCHY,"
having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, at Kowloon, where and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.
Goods not cleared by the 2nd January will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance will be effected.
All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns, and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the steamer's arrival, after which no claims will be recognized.
McGREGOR BROS. & CO.,
Hongkong, 28th December, 1903. [15556]

Consignees.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.
NORDEUTSCHER HAMBURG-AMERIKA
LOYD. LINIE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship
"BAVERN,"
of the NORDEUTSCHER LOYD,
having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.
Optimal Cargo will be forwarded, unless notice to the contrary be given before 11 A.M., TO-DAY, the 29th December.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 31st December, will be subject to rent.
All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on THURSDAY, the 31st December, at 10 A.M.
All Claims must reach us before the 5th January, 1904, or they will not be recognized.
No Fire Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.
NORDEUTSCHER LOYD,
MELCHERS & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 28th December, 1903. [15556]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship
"MAZAGON,"
FROM BOMBAY AND STRAITS.
Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.
This vessel brings on Cargo—
From Persian Gulf, ex B.I.S.N. and B. & P. S. N. Co.'s Steamers.
From Alleppey, ex S.S. *Nawab*.
Goods not cleared by the 2nd January, at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.
Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's representative at an appointed hour.
All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival hereafter which date they cannot be recognized.
No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.
E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 28th December, 1903. [4]

S.S. "POLYNESIEN"

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London
ex S.S. *Memphis* and *Charante*, from
ex S.S. *Charante* and from Bordeaux
ex S.S. *Lorient*, in connection
with the above-named vessels, hereby informed that
their Goods are being landed at their risk into the
Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and
Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, where and/or
from the wharves delivery may be obtained.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have
left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining
undelivered after the 1st January will be subject to
rent.
All Claims against the Steamer must be presented
to the Undersigned on or before the 5th January, or
they will not be recognized.
All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be
left in the Godowns, where they will be examined.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,
Agents.
Hongkong, 28th December, 1903. [15556]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship
"GREGORY APCAR,"
having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees
of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods
will be delivered from alongside.
Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed
at once, at Consignees' risk and expense.
Cargo remaining on board after 4 P.M. of
the 1st January will be landed at Consignees'
risk and expense into the Godowns of the
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Co., Limited.
Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE and
PENANG are requested to take IMMEDIATE
DELIVERY of their Goods from alongside;
such Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel
will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and
expense.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the
Undersigned.
DAVID SASSOON & CO., LIMITED,
Agents.
Hongkong, 30th December, 1903. [15556]

F. BLACKHEAD & CO.,
SHIPCHANDLERS, SAILMAKERS,
COAL AND PROVISION MERCHANTS,
NAVAL CONTRACTORS
AND GENERAL COMMISSION
AGENTS,
16, DES VŒUX ROAD CENTRAL,
HONGKONG.
SOAP AND SODA MANUFACTURERS.

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H. COMPOSITION RED HAND
BRAND, HARTMANN'S GREY PAINT,
DAIMLER'S PATENT MOTOR
LAUNCHES,
&c., &c., &c.
Sole Agents for
FERGUSON'S SPECIAL CREAM
and
P. & O. SPECIAL LIQUOR SCOTCH
WHISKY, &c.
EVERY KIND OF
SHIP'S STORES AND REQUISITES
ALWAYS IN STOCK
AT
REASONABLE PRICES.
McGREGOR BROS. & CO.,
Hongkong, 15th December, 1903. [15556]

Intimations.

YOU WILL NOT BE DECEIVED.
That there are cheats and frauds in plenty
everybody knows; but it is seldom or never
that any large business house is guilty of them,
no matter what line of trade it follows. There
can be no permanent success of any kind
based on dishonesty or deception. There
never was, and never will be. The men who
try that are simply fools and soon come to
grief—as they deserve. Now many persons
are, nevertheless, afraid to buy certain
advertisements lest they be humbugged
and deluded; especially are they slow to place
confidence in published statements of the
merits of medicines. The effective remedy
known as

WAMPOLE'S PREPARATION
is as safe and genuine an article to purchase
as flour, silk or cotton goods from the mills
of manufacturers with a world-wide reputation.
We could not afford to exaggerate its qualities
or misrepresent it in the least; and it is not
necessary. It is palatable as honey and con-
tains the nutritive and curative properties of
Pure Cod Liver Oil, extracted by us from fresh
cod livers, combined with the Compound
Syrup of Hypophosphites and the Extracts of
Malt and Wild Cherry; and how valuable such
a blending of these important medicinal agents
must be to plain everybody. It is beyond
price in Anemia, Scrofula, Weakness and lack
of Nervous Tone, Wasting Diseases, Bron-
chitis, La Grippe, Lung Troubles, and Im-
purities of the Blood. Science can furnish
nothing better—perhaps nothing to good. Dr.
W. H. Dalgic of Canada, says: "I have used it
in my practice and take pleasure in recom-
mending it as a valuable tonic and reconstructive."
It is a remedy that can afford to appeal to its
record and represents the science and know-
ledge of bright and aggressive medical in-
vestigation. Effective from the first dose.
"You cannot be disappointed in it." Like all
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throughout the world and A. S. Watson & Co.,
Limited.

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ROBINSON
PIANO
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THERE IS NO
XMAS GIFT
GIVES SUCH GREAT AND PER-
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PIANO PLAYER



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Pay PART Cash and Balance—

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Comic Songs and Speeches,
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Our NEW STOCK OF MUSIC

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ALL PHOTOGRAPHIC ART PRACTICE
in the Colony or in any part of the Far East.GROUPS AND VIEWS
a speciality.

NOTICE.

THE Public are hereby informed that no

change has been made in the Rates of
Subscription to the *Hongkong Telegraph* and
they are warned against paying more than
TEN CENTS (10 cts.) per Single Copy.THE MANAGER,
Hongkong Telegraph Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 30th September, 1903.

Intimation.

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HONGKONG.

CABLE ADDRESS.—Telegraph, Hongkong.

THE leading English Newspaper in China
Also widely circulated in Japan, Ceylon,
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A daily newspaper with weekly edition
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The daily is recommended as more generally
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A special feature is made of full and accu-
rate reports of local occurrences, and of mat-
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is the largest daily newspaper and has a
wider circulation than any journal in the Far
East.

Special attention given to effectively display-
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The type used as a standard for setting,
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instructed to display the advertisement, when
any effective style of type will be adopted.
This standard runs exactly eight lines to the
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Special Rates for standing advertisements
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Unless otherwise specified all advertisements
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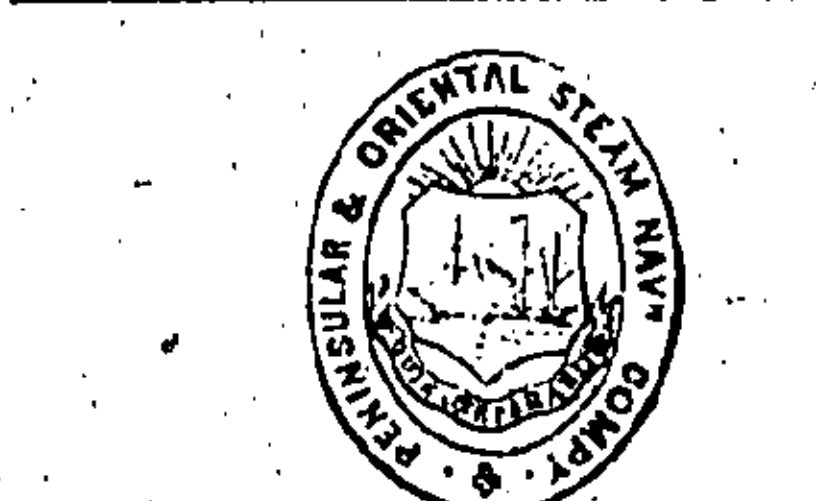
* Through Passenger Tickets issued for the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada
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Round-the-World Tickets also issued. Between Moll and Kobe, 1st and 2nd-Class Through
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For further Information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's
Local Branch Office in Prince's Building, 1st Floor, Chater Road.

A. S. MIHARA

Manager.

Hongkong, 31st December, 1903.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR
STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA
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PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND
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(Through Bills of Lading issued for HATAYI,
PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL, AMERI-
CAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.)
THE Steamship

"SIMLA,"
Captain F. R. Summers, carrying His Majesty's
Mails, will be despatched from this for
BOMBAY, on SATURDAY, the 2nd January,
at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the
above Ports.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France
and Ten for London (under arrangement) will
be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer
proceeding direct to Marseilles and London.
Other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed
via Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until
5 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and
Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note
the terms and conditions of the Company's
Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to
E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 21st December, 1903. [4]

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

BOSTON STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
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| Steamers. | Tons. | Captains. | 1903-04. |
|---------------|-------|----------------|----------|
| Lynx..... | 4,417 | G. V. Williams | Jan. 20 |
| Olympia..... | 2,8 | A. Dixon | Feb. 11 |
| Shawmut..... | 9,666 | W. M. Smith | Feb. 19 |
| Tacoma..... | 2,871 | M. Ridley | Feb. 26 |
| Victoria..... | 3,501 | J. Truebridge | Mar. 16 |

† Cargo only.

Steamers marked (*) have no second-class
passenger accommodation.

The attention of passengers is directed to
the very cheap rates offered by this line to the
Pacific Coast and to the Interior and Eastern
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Special rates allowed to members of Govern-
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DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,
General Agents.
Hongkong, 24th December, 1903. [15746]

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NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above
Company are prepared to accept, first
CLASS FOREIGN AND CHINESE RISKS at
CURRENT RATES.

SIEMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, 18th May 1904. [15746]

To be Let.

TO LET.
FIRST and SECOND FLOORS of No. 34,
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, opposite the
GENERAL POST OFFICE, after MARCH 31st,
1904, at present occupied by Messrs. POWELL
& Co. and the COSMOPOLITAN HOUSE. This
House is especially suitable for people who are
seeking places for Hotel purposes.
Please apply to—
YEE SANG FAT,
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Hongkong, 29th December, 1903. [15746]

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HOTEL.

A HIGH CLASS PRIVATE HOTEL.

LADIES' AFTERNOON TEA ROOMS.

PRIVATE BAR
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BILLIARD ROOMS.

Hot and Cold Water throughout.

Electrically Lighted.

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FOR SALE.

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Other Makers: HUGHES, CARY & PORTER,
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Apply—

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Hongkong, 22nd December, 1903. [15356]

FOR SALE.

INCANDESCENT
GASOLINE
LAMPSOF ALL DESCRIPTIONS,
from the best makers.INCANDESCENT
MANTLES,
ORIMNEYS,
GLOBES,
SHADES, &c.,
for
GASOLINE AND GAS
LAMP'Sat the most moderate
prices.Lamps fixed up for
Buyers free of charge.Naphtha of the best
kind kept in stock.TAYLOR CO.,
56, Lyndhurst Terrace,
Hongkong, 1st December, 1903. [15756]

THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY

TRADE MARK

This successful and highly popular remedy, used in the
Continental Hospitals by eminent Physicians, Robert, Vignon
and others, combines all the desiderata to be sought in a
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shortens, often in a few days, removes all discharges from
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poison and other serious diseases. Its dynamizing, plas-
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some of the more trying complaints of this kind, it will be
found an absolutely reliable, effecting prompt relief
where other well-known remedies have been powerless.

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in blood, nervous system, skin diseases, pains and
swellings of the joints, secondary syphilis, gonorrhea, and
all diseases for which it is known to be a powerful
remedy. It is a powerful tonic, and its action is
evident in the treatment of the most trying complaints of this kind, it will be
found an absolutely reliable, effecting prompt relief
where other well-known remedies have been powerless.

THERAPION No. 3
in the treatment of the most trying complaints of this kind, it will be
found an absolutely reliable, effecting prompt relief
where other well-known remedies have been powerless.

THERAPION
3/6 each throughout the world. Price in Hongkong 1/6
& 1/2 in ordering state which of the three remedies is the
most suitable for the case. It is a powerful tonic, and its action is
evident in the treatment of the most trying complaints of this kind, it will be
found an absolutely reliable, effecting prompt relief
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Sold by A. S. WATSON & Co., Limited,
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Intimations.



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A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

PORT

- B.—OLD VINTAGE, super-ior quality, Red Capsule—\$16.00 \$1.40
- C.—FINE OLD VINTAGE superior quality, Black Seal Capsule—20.00 1.70
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Note.—Port, after removal, should be rested for a month before use.

Wine required for IMMEDIATE use should be ordered to be decanted before being sent out.

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A. B. C. CODE, 4TH EDITION.

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GOOD WORK.

PROMPT RETURN.

Hongkong, 29th August, 1903. [228]

CARMICHAEL AND CLARKE,

CONSULTING ENGINEERS AND

SHIPBUILDERS,

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REPAIRS PROMPTLY ATTENDED TO.

TELEGRAMS: "CARMICHAEL," Hongkong.

A. B. C. Code, 4th Edition.

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Lieber's Standard Code.

TELEPHONE, 232.

Hongkong, 20th March, 1903. [355]

THE Beer to drink in the tropics is the Beer made in the tropics—SAN MIGUEL.

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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, DEC. 31, 1903.

LOOKING BACK.

Though unable to enter at length into the important events associated with the progress of Hongkong during the year fast drawing to a close, it is as well to glance back over the past twelve months and again record a few of the many changes that contribute another page to the annals of our Colony. The meeting of the Legislative Council, on the 19th November, over which Sir Henry Blake presided, practically saw the close of his Excellency's administration in Hongkong; and if the legislative enactments of the Government during this year have not been very numerous one of them has been undoubtedly important. The earliest and most notable measure that the Legislative Council was called upon to deal with was a legacy from the previous year—the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance. The main points of the measure provide for the better ventilation and, consequently, the better sanitation of buildings erected or to be erected, by preventing the excessive height of buildings, the insanitary construction of kitchens, the erection of cubicles and verandahs over footways and by the provision of better window space. Legislation was also introduced in the Bill as to rats and as to the resumption of insanitary properties on payment of compensation. Certain amendments in this Ordinance were deemed necessary, principally on the recommendation of the Sanitary Board, and an amending ordinance was passed, last month, while a sub-committee of the Board appointed to consider what further amendments were advisable have just submitted another report to the authorities on the matter. The crucial question as affecting the commerce and trade of the port remains as yet unsolved. The action of the majority of members of the Chamber of Commerce in the recommendation to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, for a commission of inquiry into the currency question as affecting Hongkong, was not, as might have been expected supported by the Government. The Secretary of State, acting on the advice of the late Governor, Sir Henry Blake, refused the appointment of the commission asked for and, pending any action that may be advised by the American International Commission on currency reform for China, Hongkong remains in its unsatisfactory condition and subject to all the vagaries of an unstable and uncertain exchange. It is instructive to compare the financial position of the Colony to-day and that of the same time last year. From the comparative statement of the revenue and expenditure for the period ended 31st October last, the latest available, we gather that the actual revenue during the ten months was \$3,802,432.63, as against \$3,432,557.29 for the same period of the preceding year. To this has to be added the revenue from land sales, which, according to the annual statement, was \$1,152,601.78, including \$491,364.25, Public Works, extraordinary, \$629,900.28, miscellaneous services, and \$24,265.06, Public Works, recurrent. On the 31st October there was a total balance in hand of \$372,418.25, \$350,875.94 being in Hongkong and \$21,542.31 with the Crown Agents. The revenue, which in 1898, was \$2,784,840, was estimated for the current year at \$4,583,295, and in the estimates for 1904, including the largely increased tender for the Opium farm, it is stated at \$6,208,308. Many improvements in all directions have been made, and important works commenced, during the year. There are the reclamations on both sides of the harbour, the docks being erected by the Naval Authorities and at Quarry Bay, the huge water works in the New Territory and the initial works for the reservoir at Tytan

Tuk; while the new Law Courts, Western Market, Harbour Office, hospitals and other buildings have been either commenced or begun during the year. It is hardly necessary to state that, during the twelve months under review the sister Services—the Navy and Army—have upheld the proud traditions handed down to them from the past. The Home Government's appreciation of our Commodore's services has manifested itself in his promotion to the rank of Rear-Admiral and, an equally meritorious distinction was conferred on Major-General Sir W. J. Gascoigne, K.C.M.G., the magnitude of whose task and responsibilities was not easily realised by those unacquainted with the administration of military affairs. His departure from the Colony, in September last, was viewed with regret by all members of the community, and it is probable that his successor, Major-General Villiers Hutton, C.M.G., will enjoy the same popularity as his predecessor. As the year closes and the stormy clouds of war gather thicker on the political horizon, the momentous question in the minds of all is, what would be the effect on the interests of our Colony in event of an outbreak of hostilities in the North. When it is considered that, by our treaty with one of the Powers and our interests in the future struggle the nation is likely to be drawn into the vortex this problem is fraught with potent menace. However, let us hope that the coming year will bring the dawn of a peaceful settlement of international difficulties, and that at the close of 1904 another successful twelve months will mark the progress of Britain's part of the Orient.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

TOMORROW being New Year's Day there will be no issue of the *Hongkong Telegraph*. We express our wishes to our readers that the coming year may be for them a prosperous and happy one.

It is reported that the Sultan of Johore intends to establish at Johore a museum on modern lines.

The revenue of Negri Sembilan for 1904 is estimated at \$2,187,143. The outlay is put at \$2,278,848.

EVERY fire station in Berlin has now been equipped with an oxygen apparatus to revive persons overcome by smoke or heat.

THE Quartermaster General (Sir Ian Hamilton) has notified that in future all frozen mutton supplied to the Army shall be from British colonies.

THERE will be a special "Watch Night" service in St. Peter's Church, Queen's Road West, this evening, commencing at 11 o'clock. All are invited.

BURGLARS at Penang broke into the criminal prison the other day. Now comes news that a burglar has been caught in the detective station itself. Sixty detectives were asleep at the time.

THE Norwegian s.s. *Gaea* has been chartered at Bangkok at a very low rate—\$3,700 per month. This is a striking change from the state of things last year, when \$7,000 and \$8,000 was being paid.

THE memorial in favour of Mr. G. E. J. Edalji, the solicitor who was sentenced at Stafford Quarter Sessions recently to seven years' penal servitude, in connection with a Great Wyrley maiming case, has been signed by 10,000 persons of all ages, including 250 of the leading solicitors and firms in the Midlands.

THE steamer *Peliana* (1,821 tons) with a cargo of bulk oil from Borneo, went ashore on Point Nepean, Melbourne, on Nov. 28th. The crew, 28 Chinese and Malays, were taken off to the quarantine station at Portsea, under the Immigration Restriction Act. Capt. Kerr and his wife also landed. The 4,000 cases of gasoline, benzine, and motor-car oil will not be saved.

THE mists of uncertainty still hang heavily over the political situation in the Far East, and among their flocks of *canards* rise and fly, quacking loudly in the ears of a nervous world. These fearful wildfowl are strong on the wing, says the *P. M. G.*, and the longer the negotiations between Russia and Japan go on without result the louder and more confusing grow their voices in the light.

WE learn that further important detections of jamaica counterfeit currency have been made. The lottery farmer at Bangkok seems to have suffered heavily, and Sam Peng locality is said to be flooded with the spurious notes. Owners of pawnshops are also victims to a large extent, as well as some Indian merchants. All business people are on their guard, and compel those who pay in suspicious looking notes to have them endorsed. In one instance this wise precaution proved successful. A European business man on receiving payment from an Indian merchant, suspected that one too good a note was not genuine, so he asked the owner to sign it which request was complied with. On its being presented at the local bank it was proved to be a counterfeit, and retained.

A COMPANY of the Malay States Guides has been warned to hold itself in readiness to proceed to Kinta to aid the police in preventing the threatened disturbance among the mining coolies at the advent of the Chinese New Year.

REMARKABLE disappearances are common at present, nor are they confined to human beings. Lake Shirwa, which occupies quite a respectable place on the map of Africa, has ceased to be, thereby adding to the land surface of the British Empire, for Shirwa was in the Central Africa Protectorate.

THE *Singapore Free Press* tells this story as true:—A Treasury official was giving luncheon to a brother official from the Audit Office. "Black coffee?" asked the former. "Good, heavens, no!" cried the other. "Why, if I were to drink a drop of coffee at this hour of the day I shouldn't get a wink of sleep all the weary afternoon."

A LEAGUE match will be played on the Parsee Cricket Club ground, at Happy Valley, on Saturday the 2nd prox., against the Hongkong C. C. "A" team. The following will play for the Parsees:—R. B. Cooper (Captain), J. M. Master, K. D. Mistry, B. K. Mehta, J. A. Chingoy, J. H. Rutenjee, J. Noria, J. Mehta, D. R. Captain, M. D. Vania, and C. B. Mowrahwala.

WE feel ourselves allies to England by many common ideas, sentiments, and interests. It has long been said among ourselves, and the saying has become common-places from being true, that France and Great Britain march together at the head of civilisation. To-day it would be discountenanced not to make room for others; but the recollection of the past remains just the same. —*Journal des Debats*.

By kind permission of Major Radcliff and officers the Band of the 93rd Burma Infantry will play at the Hongkong Hotel on Saturday evening from 8 to 9.30.

BANK PROGRAMME.
March:—"The Soldiers of the Guard".....Levey Overton.
"Introduction to 3rd Act, *Lehman*".....Wagner Selections....."The Hells of New York".....Kerker Song....."An Der Weiser".....Gastar Pressel Selections....."Floridan".....Leslie Stuart Valters.
"Rejoice in Amour".....Berger Cake Walk....."Jolly Negroes".....Berger God save the King.

IN a billiard match played, on the 17th inst., at the Penang Club, between Mr. J. Roberts and Dr. Mauglis, the local amateur champion, the professional was somewhat badly beaten. Roberts conceded 650 points in a 1,000 game so that, excluding the concession of points he was beaten on a level start by 2; a phenomenal occurrence, says the *Penang Gazette*, and one that it has not been the champion's fate to experience before. There was a large attendance at the Club to watch the game.

THE *Etoile Belge* reports a very unpleasant incident that happened on the Belgian frontier at Welkenraedt, when Queen Alexandra, on her recent journey from Copenhagen, crossed Belgian territory en route for London. The Belgian Custom House officers detained Her Majesty's luggage, consisting of about twenty-nine trunks, which were sealed with lead, and stored in the Custom House. The British Legation has been instructed to make the incident known to the Belgian Government. An inquiry has been immediately ordered, and the Custom House officers responsible will be severely punished.

COMMENTING upon the dollar difficulty in Penang the *Straits Times* says:—It should be noted that the Penang Chinese Chamber of Commerce threshed out the subject before deciding to petition Government. The petition asked for permission to export \$1,000,000 in Straits currency dollars to Acheen and other foreign ports, in order to facilitate trade and enable merchants in those places to make payments to Penang in dollars, as hitherto. It was remarked during the discussion that, under present conditions, the pepper trade with Acheen ran a risk of extinction in consequence of the prohibition of import and export of coin now in force at Penang. The possibility of the Dutch port, Sabang Bay, benefiting at the expense of Penang was mentioned, and unless something is done it would appear likely that the above mentioned coaling and trading port may become a very keen competitor with Penang.

COMMENTING on the war rumours in Singapore the local *Times* says:—In accordance with his usual practice, the Acting Governor of the Colony has arranged to spend the Christmas vacation at Penang. His Excellency proposes to leave Singapore to-morrow (22nd inst.) afternoon, and journey north by the Government yacht, the *Samewin*. In view, however, of the critical news that is continually being received about the Russo-Japanese negotiations, it is possible that the visit may have to be postponed at the last minute. It would be exceedingly desirable, should the two nations resort to the arbitrament of war, that the head of the Government in the Straits Settlements should be resident in Singapore, in order that he might deal with the numerous international questions that are almost certain to arise. It does not seem, however, that His Excellency places too much importance on the telegrams that are being received here on the situation, because all arrangements have been completed for the trip to Penang. The Acting Governor does not expect to return to Singapore until nearly the end of January. Meanwhile the direction of the affairs of the Government in Singapore will be committed to the care of the Acting Colonial Secretary, Mr. Kinnearley.

THE British Embassy has furnished the State Department with evidence against crimps at San Francisco, where 638 deserters have occurred from 64 British vessels carrying 1,778 men. The Commissioner of Navigation suggests legislation by Congress requiring that the British Consul should be put on the executive committee of the Sailors' Home, which is alleged to be the headquarters of the abuse.

M. BRUNAT of Shanghai, while recently in France, succeeded in effecting a loan of three million francs for the French Municipal Council of that port. This, says the *N. C. Daily News*, will enable the Council to pay off the advances it has received from local banks at local rates of interest, the repayment of which these banks have been constantly urging. The new loan has been obtained from the Banque de l'Indo-Chine, and the Commercial Industrial and Colonial Bank of Lyons.

THE *Avanti*, a Socialist newspaper, at Rome, states that the captain of the Russian cruiser *Aurora* while at Spezia recently asked the local authorities for permission to execute within the harbour a seaman who had been found guilty of striking a superior officer. The request was refused, whereupon the cruiser left the port. According to the *Avanti*, the man was executed on the high sea in circumstances of great barbarity, the poor wretch being keelhaunched. He was tied to a cable, which was then passed under the ship's keel three times, it was not until the third time that the man was pronounced dead.

IT is believed in some quarters in the Netherlands-Indies that there is a bright future in store for the port of Sabang owing to the fact that the mail steamers have made it a regular port of call. They hope great things from the Deli tobacco trade, which they think will be turned into that direction because of greater facility of shipment there. In Holland they were not very hopeful of Sabang's future before the recent crisis in the pepper trade came about owing to the inability of Penang merchants to ship dollars to Acheen; but the *Deli Courant* ridicules the pessimism of the people at home and estimates as regards tobacco alone fully 60 to 70,000 bales will be shipped from Sabang next season.

THE S. S. "EMMA LUYKEN"

CLAIM IN COURT.

At the Supreme Court this morning, before the Puisne Judge, His Honour A. G. Wise, the Hanselische Dampfer Compagnie obtained judgment against Messrs. We Fat Sing and Co. for the sum of \$594.44 and costs, being balance of the hire of the s.s. *Emma Luyken* under a charter party, dated 11th March last. Mr. H. G. Gedge, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, appeared for the plaintiffs, and defendants were unrepresented in Court. A shipping-clerk in the East Asiatic Trading Co., agents for the plaintiffs, proved the claim, and judgment was given as above.

SANITARY BOARD.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held this afternoon in the Board Room. Present:—The President (Hon. Dr. J. M. Atkinson, P.C.M.O.), Hon. W. Chatham, (D.P.W.), Mr. Ahmet Rumjahn, Mr. Lau Chu Pak, Mr. Fung Wa Chun, Mr. E. A. Hewett, Dr. Pearce (Acting M. O. H.), Dr. Barnett (Assistant M. O. H.), Col. Webb, Captain Lyons, Hon. A. W. Brewin, (Registrar General) and Mr. G. A. Woodcock, Secretary.

The minutes of the previous meetings were confirmed.

"EXTERNAL AIR."

Mr. Hewett, pursuant to notice, asked:—
(1) With regard to the discussion which took place at the meeting of the Sanitary Board on the 17th inst. as to the definition of "External Air" will the President be good enough to lay before the Board a memorandum showing the difference which exists between the definition as put forward by the sub-committee and adopted by the Sanitary Board and that now embodied in the Bill entitled an Ordinance to amend the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance of 1903 (No. 1 of 1903), and passed at the Legislative Council meeting on the 14th inst.?

This information is asked for as the objects and reasons of the amended Bill state a new definition of the expression "external air" is submitted in order to give effect to the Board's recommendation.

(2) With regard to the above amended Ordinance will the President be good enough to explain to the Board the exact meaning of the definition of "external air" as shown in sub-section No. 26 of Part I?

The President replied:—The Public Health and Buildings Amendment Ordinance definition of "external air" differs from the Board's definition of "external air" in the following respects:—

(1) The Public Health and Buildings Amendment Ordinance definition requires the open spaces in all cases to be 13 feet wide and to extend parallel to the building for at least five feet.

(2) The Board's definition allows an open space which extends along the side of existing and new buildings to count if it extends three-fifths of the depth of the building, and is 12 feet wide.

(3) The Board's definition allows a street 8 feet wide in front of an existing building and an open space which extends continuously along the side of the building and is eight feet wide to count external air.

The attached diagrams will explain clearly the difference between the two definitions.

2. This question is answered by diagram (laid on the table).

Mr. Pollock, pursuant to notice, was to ask:—

(1) Will you state how many houses (approximately) there are in the city of Victoria? Will you also state how many houses (approximately) in the city of Victoria will require exemption by the Governor in Council, under the definition of "external air" which appears in section 2 of Ordinance No. 23 of 1903? Will you also state how many houses (approximately) in the city of Victoria have windows fronting on lanes which are less than 13 feet in width?

(2) Is it not the fact that the dimension of 13 feet was inserted in the definition of "external air" in Ordinance 1 of 1903 because there was a mistaken impression that every third house would be pulled down and would thus enable every cubic to be lighted by lateral windows opening into a space thirteen feet wide? If you contend that the above is not the fact, will you, please, state how the said dimension of 13 feet came to be fixed upon in the said definition, and will you also please refer me to any speech, document or paper, in support of your contention?

In reference to these questions, which were put before the Board by Mr. Hewett, in the absence of Mr. Pollock, the Hon. W. Chatham stated that, before replying, he desired to mention that he was there as an ordinary member of the Board, and no other member of the Board had any right to give notice of a question in the form this had been done. At the same time he hoped that he would always be found willing to impart any information that was within his power to give to members of the Board, in connection with matters that might be of interest.

He then replied at length, and his answer will be printed in our next issue.

BUILDING NUISANCES.

Mr. Rumjahn, pursuant to notice, asked:—
(1) With reference to the answer given at the last meeting to my question No. 4, will the Vice-President be pleased to quote the section (if any) in the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance No. 1 of 1903, under which he, as the building authority, is empowered to authorize sanitary inspectors to enter and inspect domestic buildings for the purpose of ascertaining the existence or otherwise of "building nuisances"?
(2) Will the secretary be pleased to state under which of the provisions of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, No. 1 of 1903, or, under what authority, notices for the abatement of "building nuisances" are being made out in the office of the Sanitary Board instead of the office of the building authority?
(3) Will the secretary be pleased to state under what authority or standing order (if any) sanitary inspectors are engaged in serving notices for the abatement of "building nuisances" and in attending the police court to prove the existence of such nuisances, on behalf of the building authority?

The President replied:—
1. Section 227 of Ordinance No. 1 of 1903.
2. and 3. No authority is required for the making out of notices or for the service of such. The making out and service of notices by the Sanitary Department are inter-departmental arrangements.

The Acting M. O. H. minutes:—Under Ordinance 13 of 1901 there were many matters dealt with by the Sanitary Boards officers which, on the passing of the present Ordinance, were transferred from the Public Health section of the Ordinance (Part II) to the Building section (Part III). When it was discovered that the Board had no power to take action with regard to many matters i.e. backyards, window area, cubicles, with which it had previously concerned itself, and to which the sanitary inspectors had all along been giving their attention as being part of their routine work, it became necessary to come to some agreement with the Building authority on the matter. It was decided that the sanitary inspectors should still continue to inspect their districts in the same manner as before, but that the legal notices with regard to any nuisances reported by the inspectors should be issued under the hand of the Building authority.

MARKET PRICES.

Respecting an application for the renewal of a licence to sell fresh pork at 18, West Street, Mr. A. Rumjahn minutes:—It must be admitted that market accommodation is not sufficiently provided for the needs of the Colony—hence prices of food are ever on the increase. If more licences are granted there would be a greater chance to lower down the prices.

SHIPPING AND MAILS.

MAILS DUE.

American (*Hongkong Maru*) to-morrow.
English (*Dangal*) and prox.
Canadian (*Athenian*) 5th prox.
German (*Klautschou*) 5th prox.
Indian (*Arratoon Apar*) 5th prox.
German (*Sachsen*) 8th prox.
Indian (*Laisang*) 10th prox.
American (*China*) 10th prox.
American (*Doric*) 19th prox.

The Apar Co's s.s. *Arratoon Apar* from Calcutta left Singapore for this port yesterday afternoon.

The Shire Line s.s. *Flintshire* left Shanghai this morning, and is due here on Sunday morning.

The Java-China-Japan Line s.s. *Tjimali* left Moji for this port on 29th inst., and may be expected here on 3rd prox.

The C. N. Co's s.s. *Sungkang* left Manila for this port on 30th inst., and is expected to arrive here on 2nd prox., at daylight.

THE Beer to drink in the tropics is the Beer made in the tropics—SAN MIGUEL.

TELEGRAMS.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SERVICE.

Opium for China.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

BOMBAY, 31st December.

The P. & O. Co.'s mail steamer left Bombay yesterday evening with about 600 chests of Malwa opium. Prices are:—

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| Malwa (New) ... Rs. 1,190 |
| " (Old) ... 1,310 |
| " (Older) ... 1,400 |
| " (Oldest) ... 1,500 |

(Reuter's.)

The War Cloud.

LONDON, 29th December.

Russia has ordered lbs. 1,500,000 of mess meat from Cudahy & Co., South Omaha, and lbs. 1,500,000 from Armour & Co., Kansas City, to be delivered in San Francisco by the end of January.

Reuter's Tokyo Agency wires that an extraordinary meeting of the Japanese Privy Council has approved of the issue of Emergency Ordinance; the Council purposes expediting work on the Seoul-Fusan railway and providing possible military expenses for the protection of the railway and other interests.

LATER.

The Russian orders for mess meat are part of an order for lbs. 3,000,000 given from Vladivostok to the agent of Getz & Co.

Some of the English newspapers are urging the Government to unhesitatingly draw the sword for Japan should war break out; but the majority recommend calm and extreme watchfulness.

AN AMERICAN AMUCK.

THE DRINK FRENZY.

Immense excitement was created in Wellington Street last night by an American citizen, who, having drunk himself into a state of furious frenzy, was rushing about, armed with a bowie knife, with the evident intention of slaying whoever crossed his path. His run amuck started in Jervis Street, in which thoroughfare he succeeded in stabbing a passing Chinaman in the arm. Turning into Wellington Street, he rushed into a boot-store and attacked one of the workmen, Wong Shing by name. The Celestial attempted to ward off the blow by raising his hand, but the keen weapon cut off one of his fingers and penetrated the right side of the neck, and an ugly wound was inflicted. Maddened at the sight of the blood, which stained his hand and dripped from his weapon, Shellen now rushed back to the street again in search of another victim. He was made to arrest him, and he was driven to buy in a doorway, where he stood brandishing his weapon and defying his would-be capturers to come on. A large crowd quickly gathered, but in the face of the menacing attitude of the infuriated drunkard no one showed any decided desire to close with him. Whistles were sounded for the police and two constables were soon upon the scene. Constable Rutledge, with great presence of mind, struck the man on the arm, partially disabling him, and the police officers were able to rush in, secure, and disarm the madman. He fought, tooth and nail, and it was not without considerable difficulty that he was conducted to the Station. Wong Shing was transported to the Government Civil Hospital, where he arrived in a fainting condition owing to loss of blood. Fortunately the wounds were of a superficial character, and he was able to attend at the Magistrate's this morning as a witness. In reply to Mr. Sercombe Smith's interrogations, the prisoner, A. Shellen, a sailor from the *Queen Mary*, stated that he remembered nothing of the affair. Evidence was to the effect that the prisoner was drunk when arrested. In sentencing the prisoner to two months' gaol, the Magistrate remarked that it was fortunate for the accused that the injuries he had inflicted were of a slight nature.

CANTON NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, 29th December.

FIRES IN CANTON.
Canton has had several bad fires lately. Last week a fire burned upwards of fifty houses in the east part of the city. The Wesleyan Mission at Tsang Sha had a narrow escape. For a while it seemed certain that they must be burned. The fire, however, was stopped within a few doors of the mission buildings. In this fire four or five persons were burned. One fireman was injured and died.

On Sunday afternoon another fire occurred near Ng Sin Mun. This time the Baptist Mission buildings were in danger. Here too the fire burned a large number of houses.

The long spell of dry weather with the north wind and bright sunshine has dried everything and fires are very easily started. Fortunately the fires have occurred when there was comparatively little wind. Otherwise the damage done would have been very much greater.

A MINT FOR KWANGSI.

A launch with a lighter from the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. brought a lot of machinery for a mint to Canton last week. This machinery has been landed on Honam and will sometime it is expected find its way to Kwangsi. The machinery is intended for a mint for the province of Kwangsi. There is a large quantity of it. Upwards of 100 tons have already arrived and still there is more to follow. I have not ascertained who has ordered the machinery. Perhaps the Viceroy thinks this would be a good way to quiet the province. But since there is a scarcity of money surely the Canton mint could turn out enough coin for both provinces. However, the thing is here. When it will get to Kwangsi or be set up and working is another thing.

T. KOO SPORTS.

TO-MORROW'S MEETING.

As already announced in our columns, the thirteenth annual athletic meeting will be held at Taikoo to-morrow, the first race being timed to commence at 12.35 p.m. The names of upwards of 50 competitors appear on the programme, and the eighteen events down for decision should provide some capital contests. The president of the meeting is Mr. D. R. Law, with whom is Mr. W. Murray Scott, as vice-president, Mr. D. Templeton, as chairman, and the following Committee: Messrs. A. McKirdy, R. Galloway, R. Aitken, W. C. Macpherson, F. E. Shuster, R. H. Stephenson, J. Lochhead, T. Grimshaw, J. D. Melvin, W. J. Hill, and T. Hoskins. Mr. A. Rodger will referee, and Messrs. W. Farmer, J. Rodgers, J. L. Andrew and R. Aitken are to judge the events. The time-keepers are Messrs. J. Blake and C. Lesbirel, and other officials are as follows:— Clerks of the Course; Messrs. W. J. Hill and R. Galloway; Handicappers: Messrs. T. Meek, T. Grimshaw, J. Gloyne, F. W. White and A. McKirdy; Stewards: Messrs. J. N. Harvie, D. Hoskins, W. Smith, A. Elly, T. Hoskins, J. Crosbie, and T. Grimshaw; Lap scorers: Messrs. F. W. White and A. R. Blake; Starter: Mr. F. E. Shuster; Hon. treasurer: Mr. J. D. Melvin; and Hon. secretary: Mr. R. H. Stephenson. The band of the 11th Mahratta Light Infantry will play during the afternoon and, at the conclusion of the sports, the prizes will be presented by Mrs. A. R. Fullerton.

Following is the programme of

EVENTS.

12.30 p.m.—100 yards flat race, handicap (confined). 1st prize presented by Mr. W. Murray Scott. 2nd prize presented by Mr. W. Ramsay.

FIRST HEAT.

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| H. Kennett Scratch. |
| J. H. Hance 2 Yards |
| J. D. Danby 3 " |
| E. Humphreys 4 " |
| K. R. Macaskill 4 " |
| A. McKirdy 7 " |
| G. Grimble 8 " |
| T. Mullan 8 " |

SECOND HEAT.

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| D. Abbey Scratch. |
| G. H. Edwards 1 Yard |
| C. C. Hickling 4 Yards |
| R. H. Stephenson 5 " |
| W. Bassford 8 " |
| W. Livesey 8 " |
| W. Waterspoon 8 " |
| J. Peche 10 " |

2.10 p.m.—Two mile bicycle race. Open to all non-first prize winners. 1st prize presented by Messrs. McKirdy & Co. 2nd prize presented by Mr. J. N. Harvie.

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| L. T. Twomey Scratch |
| R. C. Wittchell 150 Yards |
| J. E. Sinclair 150 " |
| S. A. Marican 150 " |
| W. Waterspoon 150 " |
| H. S. Holmes 175 " |
| J. Christie 175 " |
| H. Palmer 175 " |
| J. Forbes 200 " |
| J. F. Remedios 200 " |
| C. Humphreys 200 " |
| T. Hoskins 200 " |
| F. K. Tata 220 " |
| R. Galloway 300 " |
| W. C. Macpherson 300 " |

3.100 yards flat race (final).

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| 4.1.20 p.m. 1 mile flat race, handicap. Open to China Sugar Refinery, Docks and V.R.C. 1st prize presented by Mr. Mok Koon Yuk. 2nd prize presented by Mr. T. Hoskins. |
| A. A. Park Scratch |
| J. D. Kinnaird 2 Yards |
| T. C. Gray 2 Yards |
| J. Wittchell 3 " |
| T. C. Pearce 3 " |
| J. P. Jordan 3 " |
| S. M. Gidley 6 " |
| H. W. Sayers 8 " |
| A. Marti 8 " |
| F. K. Tata 10 " |
| J. J. Watson 10 " |
| K. R. Macaskill 10 " |
| W. Waterspoon 12 " |
| T. Mullan 15 " |
| R. H. Stephenson 20 " |
| J. C. Crosbie 25 " |
| J. Peche 25 " |

5.1.30 p.m.—2 mile bicycle race. Open to all comers. 1st prize presented by Mr. D. R. Law. 2nd prize presented by Mr. Yuen Hop.

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| A. McKirdy Scratch |
| L. T. Twomey 50 Yards |
| H. C. Austen 50 " |
| R. C. Wittchell 50 " |
| A. E. Alves 50 " |
| S. A. Marican 50 " |
| J. E. Sinclair 70 " |
| J. Christie 70 " |
| W. Waterspoon 80 " |
| H. S. Holmes 100 " |
| H. Palmer 100 " |
| J. Forbes 125 " |
| W. C. Macpherson 300 " |
| R. Galloway 300 " |

6.1.50 p.m.—220 yards flat race. Handicap (confined). 1st prize presented by Dr. Steadman, Rennie & Harston. 2nd prize presented by Mr. Ah Wing.

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| D. Abbey Scratch |
| J. H. Hance 3 Yards |
| G. H. Edwards 3 Yards |
| J. D. Danby 6 " |
| W. Turner 6 " |
| C. C. Hickling 8 " |
| E. Humphreys 8 " |
| K. R. Macaskill 8 " |
| W. Waterspoon 10 " |
| R. H. Stephenson 12 " |
| W. Bassford 14 " |
| W. Livesey 15 " |
| G. Grimble 15 " |
| T. Mullan 15 " |
| J. Peche 25 " |

7.2.0 p.m.—High jump. Open to China Sugar Refinery, Docks and V.R.C. 1st prize presented by Mr. D. Templeton.

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| J. Wittchell J. Reese. |
| A. A. Park J. D. Danby. |
| T. C. Gray G. H. Edwards. |

8.2.20 p.m.—1 mile bicycle race (confined). 1st prize presented by the Royal Exchange Assurance Corporation. 2nd prize presented by the cosmopolitan Dock Staff.

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| A. McKirdy Scratch. |
| W. Waterspoon 75 Yards |
| H. Palmer 75 " |
| R. A. Ferguson 100 " |
| T. Hoskins 125 " |
| R. Galloway 125 " |
| T. Grimshaw 150 " |
| J. Peche 150 " |
| W. C. Macpherson 175 " |

9.2.30 p.m.—Long jump (confined). Prize presented by Mr. H. T. Butterworth.

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| R. H. Stephenson G. H. Edwards. |
| K. R. Macaskill E. Humphreys. |
| J. W. Danby J. H. Hance. |

10.2.50 p.m.—5 mile bicycle race (handicap). Open to all comers. 1st prize presented by Kowloon Dock Staff. 2nd prize presented by The London and Lancashire Fire Assurance Co. 3rd prize presented by The Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

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| A. McKirdy Scratch |
| H. C. Austen 140 " |
| L. J. Twomey 140 " |
| R. C. Wittchell 175 Yards |
| A. E. Alves 125 " |
| A. Marican 125 " |
| J. Christie 140 " |
| J. E. Sinclair 140 " |
| H. S. Holmes 175 " |
| H. Palmer 175 " |
| W. Waterspoon 175 " |
| J. Forbes 200 " |
| W. C. Macpherson 300 " |
| T. Hoskins 300 " |

11.3.20 p.m.—1 mile flat race. Handicap. Open to China Sugar Refinery, Docks and V.R.C. 1st prize presented by the V.R.C. 2nd prize presented by Mr. Jack Ah Tai.

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| J. D. Kinnaird Scratch |
| J. Wittchell 10 Yards |
| S. M. Gidley 15 " |
| T. E. Pearce 15 " |
| H. W. Sayers 15 " |
| J. P. Jordan 15 " |
| S. Moore 18 " |
| E. Humphreys 18 " |
| F. K. Tata 20 " |
| A. Marti 20 " |
| K. R. Macaskill 20 " |
| J. J. Watson 25 " |
| H. C. Austen 30 " |
| W. Waterspoon 30 " |
| A. McKirdy 40 " |
| W. Livesey 45 " |
| T. Mullan 45 " |

12.3.30 p.m.—1 mile bicycle race (confined). Open to gentlemen from 30 years of age and upwards. 1st prize presented by The Mitsui Bussan Kaisha. 2nd prize presented by Mr. Mok Koon Yuk.

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| A. McKirdy Scratch |
| T. Hoskins 200 Yards |
| R. A. Ferguson 200 " |
| T. Grimshaw 350 " |
| W. C. Macpherson 350 " |

13.3.30 p.m.—Hurdle race (100 yards). 1st prize presented by Mr. D. Macdonald. 2nd prize presented by Mr. W. H. Howard.

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| A. A. Park Scratch |
| T. C. Gray 2 Yards |
| J. P. Jordan 3 " |
| S. M. Gidley 4 " |
| H. W. Sayers 4 " |
| J. H. Hance 5 " |
| F. K. Tata 6 " |
| A. McKirdy 8 " |
| W. Bassford 8 " |
| W. Andrews 10 " |

14.3.50 p.m.—Veteran's race. 1 mile Bicycle. Handicap on merit. Open to all comers over 40 years of age. Prize presented by Mr. J. Blake.

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| W. G. Simpson Scratch |
| R. A. Ferguson 150 Yards |
| T. Hoskins 150 " |
| T. Grimshaw 150 yards. |

15.4.0 p.m.—Ladies nomination race. 1st prize presented by The Mitsui Bussan Kaisha. 2nd prize presented by Mr. A. R. Fullerton.

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| H. W. Sayers Scratch |
| J. Forbes 100 Yards |
| J. Watson 100 " |
| A. McKirdy Mrs. A. H. Wear |
| W. Livesey Miss Bella Vanstone |
| J. W. Adams Miss Grimble |
| W. Turner Mrs. Grimshaw |
| J. Gloyne Mrs. Gloyne |
| T. Grimshaw Mrs. Gloyne |
| F. W. White Miss Whyle |
| R. H. Stephenson Mrs. Stephenson |

16.4.10 p.m.—1 mile flat race, scratch. Open to all comers. 1st prize presented by the China Sugar Refinery Staff. 2nd prize presented by Messrs. G. Fenwick and Co. 3rd prize presented by Mr. Ah Poi.

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| J. Wittchell J. Darley. |
| T. E. Pearce J. D. Kinnaird |
| S. M. Gidley J. J. Watson |
| S. M. Moore A. McKirdy |
| J. P. Jordan W. C. Macpherson |

17.4.30 p.m.—Visitors' race. One 1/2 p.m. confined to visitors only. "Non-racing costume." Prize presented by the Tai Koo Club.

18.4.40 p.m.—Consolation race. Prize presented by Mr. Ah Kam.

Champion Cup (Confined). To be decided on points, viz:—
3 points for every 1st place
2 " " " 2nd "
1 " " " 3rd "
Prize presented by Mr. J. H. Scott.

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL SIGNALS.

A NEW CODE.

We have received from the Hongkong Observatory a new code of meteorological signals which comes into force at Hongkong on New Year's Day. They are the same as those at present in use at Shanghai, and will be hoisted on the mast beside the time-ball at Kowloon Point for the information of masters of vessels leaving the port. They do not necessarily imply that bad weather is expected. The signals are as follows:—

A cone point upwards indicates a typhoon to the North of the Colony.

A cone point upwards and drum below indicates a typhoon to the North-East of the Colony.

A drum indicates a typhoon to the East of the Colony.

A cone point downwards and drum below indicates a typhoon to the South-East of the Colony.

A cone point downwards indicates a typhoon to the South of the Colony.

A cone point downwards and ball below indicates a typhoon to the South-West of the Colony.

A ball indicates a typhoon to the West of the Colony.

A cone point upwards and ball below indicates a typhoon to the North-West of the Colony.

Red Signals indicate that the centre is believed to be more than 300 miles away from the Colony.

Black Signals indicate that the centre is believed to be less than 300 miles away from the Colony.

The above signals will, as heretofore, be hoisted only when typhoons exist in such positions or are moving in such directions that information regarding them is considered to be of importance to the Colony or to shipping leaving the harbour.

NIGHT SIGNALS.

Two lanterns hoisted vertically indicate bad weather in the Colony and that the wind is expected to veer.

Two lanterns hoisted horizontally indicate bad weather in the Colony and that the wind is expected to back.

The signals are repeated on the flagstaff of the Godown Company at Kowloon, and also, by day only, at the Harbour Office and on H. M.'s Receiving Ship.

LOCAL STORM-WARNINGS.

The Colony itself is warned of approaching typhoons by means of the Typhoon Gun placed at the foot of the mast, which is fired whenever a strong gale of wind is expected to blow here.

SPECIAL INQUIRIES.

Masters of vessels or their agents may, whenever necessary, call at the Telegraph Company's Office in Connaught Road and send telegrams to the Observatory asking for special information without charge. Such inquiries may also be sent from the Police Station at Kowloon Point which is connected with the Observatory by telephone.

THE RAND MINES.

Whilst labour difficulties have a great deal to do with the present uncertainty and depression existing in South Africa it does not follow that an adequate labour supply is the only thing that is needed to place the country and the mines upon the same footing that they occupied before the war. Just now complaints are heard from every quarter. Every industry and business has suffered, and a lack of confidence is displayed wherever speculation is concerned. Of course the predominating factor in the financial question is the output of the mines. Whereas before the war the rate of gold production was something like twenty millions sterling per annum, the output is now only about fourteen millions. This is directly traceable to lack of labour, and until the labour question is solved one cannot expect that the full number of stamps will be put into operation. But another very important factor in the present situation is the lack of money due to unwise speculation after the war. When Government opened up the task of settling the country huge profits were made. The dealer was induced by his successes to think that it was only necessary to launch out with his capital to gather in large and speedy returns; the builder was led to think that he needed but to build to secure heavy rentals, and speculation building and buying became for the time being a mad rush. Now we are witnessing the reaction. The builder finds himself with his tenements upon his hands; if they are tenanted his tenants cannot afford to pay; because they are suffering worse than he from the depression; he cannot obtain new tenants and for the time being his venture is proving a worthless speculation. On the other hand the dealer is overstocked. Buyers have bought up to their limit, and the tradesman's profit is locked up in his warehouse. To make matters worse for him Government is unloading its surplus stores. Every class of military stores, from hardware to groceries, is being poured into the market and the buying public either have not the wherewithal to buy, or they possess all they need for the times being. Such a state of affairs was almost inevitable in view of the course adopted after the war. Government, based its financial measures on estimates of receipts which were much beyond the mark; and though the capital with its productive capacity is still represented in plant and in stock in the present crisis it goes for nothing. However one is led to believe by those upon the spot who are well able to make a proper estimate of the present situation that there is much more grumbling than is either necessary or justified. Though the output of the mines is much lower than it should be, the potentiality for production remains, and indeed the production is even now increasing. Labour saving plant has been and is being introduced, and this will enable the mine-owners to deal with a far greater amount of material with the same

amount of labour than has hitherto been the case. When the mines resume their normal output the banks will relinquish their rigid grasp upon ready money and confidence will be restored. Prosperity is merely a question of time once affairs settle down in proper working order. The labour question hinders progress, but notwithstanding the gloomy forebodings which have been and are being given utterance to, there is every reason to believe that the sanguine prophecies held out in the first instance by those who did not foresee the present depression will eventually be realised in fact.

COMMERCIAL.

RICE.

In their report, dated Saigon, 18th inst., Messrs. Wm. G. Hale and Co. write:—It is useless writing further about old grain, as stocks of same are now exhausted.

New Crop. The weather has proved somewhat capricious during the past fortnight, and paddy fields in some districts have had too much rain; but it is generally believed that late rains could not have had a much injurious effect and that crops will recover.

Early grain from some of the most favoured districts has already shown its appearance, but in very small parcels and prices have not yet settled down. Chinese dealers are, as yet, reluctant to contract for forward delivery except at high prices, being uncertain as to planters' ideas and to Eastern demand. Overtures from Europe have, so far, resulted in the settlement of some 15,000 tons, chiefly for France; shipment during February, March and April.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

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| IN LONDON, Telegraphic Transfer 1/8 1/2 |
| " Bank Bills, on demand 1/8 1/2 |
| " Credits, 4 months' sight 1/9 5/16 |
| " D'ments 4 months' sight 1/9 7/16 |
| IN BERLIN, (demand) M. 1.78 |
| IN PARIS, Bank Bills, on demand 2.19 |
| " Credits, 4 months' sight 2.22 1/2 |
| IN NEW YORK, Bank Bills, on demand 42 1/2 |
| " Credits, 30 days' sight 42 1/2 |
| ON BOMBAY, Telegraphic Transfer 129 |
| " On demand 129 1/2 |
| ON SHANGHAI, Telegraphic Transfer 7 1/2 |
| " Private 30 days' sight nom. |
| ON YOKOHAMA, T.T. 85 1/2 |
| Sovereigns, Bank's Buying Rate \$11.50 |
| Gold Leaf 100 touch, per tael 59.90 |
| Bar Silver 25 15/16 |

OPPIUM QUOTATIONS.

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| TO-day's quotations are as follows:— |
| MALWA NEW 910/950 |
| " LAST YEAR 970/1,000 |
| " OLDEST 1,000/1,070 |
| PATNA NEW 1,247 1/2 |
| BENARES NEW 1,245 |
| PERSIAN (PAPER) 800/850 |

To-day's Advertisements.

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THE Company's Steamship

"THALES."
Captain Robson, will be despatched for the above Ports, on SUNDAY, the 3rd January, at Daylight.

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THE Company's Steamship

"FLINTSHIRE."
Captain J. M. Hafner, will be despatched for the above Ports, on or about MONDAY, the 4th January.

FOR HAVRE, LONDON, ANTWERP AND HAMBURG.
THE Company's Steamship

"DENBIGHSHIRE."
Captain W. A. Evans, will be despatched for the above Ports on or about FRIDAY, the 15th January, 1904, to be followed by the Steamship "RADNORSHIRE."

These Steamers have Superior Accommodation for Passengers.

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